



# The Future of Local Government in Northern Ireland



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# Journey in a Snapshot



**Reform**  
**26 Local Councils**  
**to 11**

**New Powers to**  
**Improve Public Services**

**Collaboration**  
**Central & Local**  
**North, South, East & West**



# Emerging Challenges

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## Digitalisation

## Public Trust



**Climate  
Adaptation  
Strategies**

**Artificial Intelligence**

**Civic Engagement**

# Factors for Success

Maximise Citizen &  
Community Engagement

Future Planning &  
Partnerships



Proactive &  
Innovative  
Councils

Financial Stability & Finding New  
Income Sources

Using Experts



# More Powers or Using Existing Powers?

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**Fully Embrace General Power of Competence**



**Entrepreneurial Councils**



**Building Trust & Confidence**



**Risk vs Return**



**Partnership & Innovation = Greater Return for Citizens.**

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